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far-reaching, but it actually had its birth in last year's, in the 2000 Session, and were...were part of the Health Committee's clean-up bill at the end of the session which, unfortunately, we were unable to take action on. So, in an unusual process, all of these...the items contained in LB 209 have had not but one but two public hearings, and at both of those hearings these particular changes were noncontroversial, brought to the committee by professional and other organizations, and unanimously were supported. And I will briefly go through those changes and answer any questions if members of the body have any. Basically, LB 209 clarifies provisions relating to licensure of physician assistants, and it provides for a biennial renewal of those licenses. Number two, the bill says that you do not have to be charged for a corrected birth or death certificate if the Bureau of Vital Statistics makes a mistake that requires you to have a corrected certificate. Number three, the bill requires training for foster parents of Native American children. Number five, it provides for a temporary licensure for the practice of audiology and speech language pathology, and makes technical changes also to the Nebraska Cosmetology Act. The bill changes continuing education provisions for optometrists, provides a new continuing education requirement for both physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. It changes provisions relating to dental examination, authorize the practice of dental hygiene on patients by dental hygiene students; and the bill outright repeals three acts that are in one way or another obsolete. Those are the Parkinson's Disease Registry Act, the Community Health Care Act, and the statutes relating to the Human Genetic Technologies Commission. And, in brief, Mr. President, this is what LB 209 does. As I said earlier, there has been no controversy and no negative testimony regarding any of these issues and there is agreement. I would urge your advancement of LB 209.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Byars. We're open for discussion on advancement of LB 209 to E & R Initial. Seeing no lights, Senator Byars, did you wish to close? Senator Byars waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 209 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on advancement of LB 209. Have you all voted who care